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DIARY NOTES

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29 March 1965

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1. I learned about a luncheon which Ray Cline will host today for Continental Airlines officials, and I arranged for Bob Bannerman to attend.

2. At the Financial Policy and Budget Committee meeting this morning we discussed the draft Bureau of the Budget Circular A-44. Everyone felt that compliance would impose a work burden which would be far in excess of any benefits derived from such detailed reporting. We did not and will not receive any definite guidance until Mr. Kirkpatrick has discussed the matter with officials at the Bureau. (Apparently no progress on the average salary and supergrade questions has been made since the FPBC meeting on Monday, 15 March.)

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3. I [REDACTED] in the Office of Logistics, [REDACTED] from the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] from the Office of Training to discuss [REDACTED]. Ace finally took the position that [REDACTED] could not recommend that we acquire [REDACTED] because of the high cost of maintenance, which I estimated would be a quarter of a million dollars a year. I later talked with [REDACTED] about this to make sure that I present General Carter with the correct DD/P position. Tom will inquire around further and will advise me of their position. I emphasized to him that time is short.

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4. I talked to Larry Houston about the Congressional sign-offs on our new retirement regulation. He said that everyone except Senator Saltonstall has now signed off and that his signature is expected any day.

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6. Howard Osborn called my attention to a picture of the President and McGeorge Bundy in the magazine section of yesterday's New York Times which showed Bundy holding a document classified "TOP SECRET [REDACTED]" (This picture was also discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting this morning, and it was the consensus that it would be necessary to change the codeword "[REDACTED]" was asked to assume action responsibility for this change, which he estimated would cost \$250,000.)

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7. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning there was a brief discussion, without any final conclusion, about a party for Mr. McCone, assuming that he will be leaving within the next month or so. Nobody, including General Carter, seems to know for sure whether this is actually the case.

8. [REDACTED] was in for a brief visit.

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a. He said that he understood from Matt Baird that [REDACTED] tour of duty in [REDACTED] did not do him any good. I confirmed that this was also my opinion. Roger said that he would like to correct any such impression, that he thought very highly of Bob, and that he was sorry if anyone in the Clandestine Services had indicated to the contrary.

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b. We also discussed the case of [REDACTED]. He thought that Jim is a fine young man but the financial responsibilities of the station are too much for him since he has had no financial training. Roger suggested that he be replaced by someone who is more knowledgeable in the finance field but felt very strongly that Jim is an Agency asset which we should preserve.

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9. [REDACTED] were up to brief me on the current status of the Technical Division of the Office of Security. They have a radio frequency generator in Alcott Hall which I want to see sometime within the next couple of weeks. [REDACTED] it was impossible for me to tell whether this division is doing a good job. I think that it is probably a good thing that he will turn over his responsibilities soon and become the [REDACTED]

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